while they detest slavery in all its forts, and grieve for it in all its effects they know not how to approach it. and I believe most of us, I know not but all would rejoice to unite with the south and the north in bearing an equal burden in liberating every soul of them we cannot forget that although slavery does not exist here yet the ships and the sons of the north have stolen and sold these very slaves Please Sir excuse if they need it these broken thoughts and allowme the pleasure of saying I have reason to believe the friends of the slave as well as the poor slave himself have the best wishes and daily prayers of every Baptist Minister in the Redfield Association. It would have afforded me pleasure to have been able to comply with your request, but an unusual pressure of unavoidable cares has prevented. If at any time it should be in my power to render any assistance to the cause of God and of freedom I shall be at the bidding of the friends of both.

Respectfully yours Ambrose Day Jr.

N. B. Please excuse me Sir in not knowing your address

Rev. Ambrose Dyll (Bapt.)
Westfield Jany 15 1838.

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Dear Sir I received your kind favour of the 25th and should have answered before this time but for two reasons. 1 I have been unusually occupied. 2 I had not the information you ask. I had hoped ~~that~~ to have found means of obtaining the facts but have not.

The names and postoffice addrs of the ministers in this Association are Rev. Asa Todd & D. Brown, Chesterfield. Matthew Bachelor Agawam ~~Lobb~~ Hiram A. Graves, Springfield. Ira Hall, Ireland. Silas Kingsley Chester Factories. Orson Spencer, Middlefield. Lorenzo Rice, West Whately. Silas Root & John Higbee, East Granville. Edwin Sandys Cummington. David Wright and myself Westfield. J. F. Bridges Southwick. Daniel M'Cullock, Savoy. & Pierpont Brocket, Cabotville.

With regard to the other questions proposed I am not able to answer any of them absolutely except it be with regard to Br Wright and myself, neither of us are members of such societies. I have often had & heard conversation upon the subject but yet it has not been sufficiently particular ~~with~~ in respect to individuals to know fully what they have done.
I believe I should be justified in saying they are without exception opposed to slavery, and several of them I think are members of abolition societies, but even this exact character I do not know I do know it is a subject much thought of, and much talked of, & much prayed about. but ~~while~~ some are zealous and earnest for the sentiment to which you refer, others think it slavery an evil frequent results so momentous and dangerous in whatever aspect it may be viewed they do nothing for fear of doing wrong